

EXHIBIT F  
DECLARATION OF GEORGE MCNARY III

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My name is George McNary III. I am over the age of 18 and fully competent to make this declaration.

1. I am an African American farmer/rancher who is a member of the African American Texas Coalition of Rural Landowners.
2. I want the NLFRTA and the Rural Coalition to represent my interests in this lawsuit, *Faust v. Vilsack*, No. 1:21-cv-548 (E.D. Wis).
3. I live in Hempstead, Texas, which has a population of less than 10,000 residence.
4. I own and operate a ranch/farm that is 110 acres.
5. I am 37 years old. I have operated this farm/ranch for 12 years. I received my first USDA loan in 2010. I subsequently took out two more loans in 2012 and 2019.
6. I currently have approximately \$900,000 in farming debt.
7. I believe I have experienced racial discrimination from USDA representatives. Initially I did not realize that my loan applications were being highly scrutinized. The average dollar amount did not allow for a profitable business, I was given a hard time regarding my agricultural income, which delayed me receiving loans, low ball appraisals, loans not funded/fully funded, never received funding in certain circumstances.
8. Prior to the announcement that the American Rescue Plan passed, the night before it became public information, I received an email from the local county USDA FSA agency asking me to fill out graduation papers within 30 days. I have never received an email like this before. This means I would be expected to pay off the loan and get a commercial loan, which would have made me ineligible for debt relief.
9. I estimate my losses to be approximately \$130,000 from 2010 to the present.
10. In the past, I have applied for USDA loans because of land acquisition. I currently have two loans for this reason.
11. I am a socially disadvantaged farmer/rancher that had to care for a close family member who contracted the COVID-19 virus. I had to take time away from my farm to tend to my family member, as well as help them financially. Which left me unable to buy feed and fertilizer due to the economic hardship.
12. Because daycare was closed due to the pandemic, my wife and I took turns working and caring for our kids, ages one and three years old. As a result, I had to pay someone to do the things that I was not able to do.

13. If the debt forgiveness is delayed due to the TRO, I will not be able to secure additional loans until the loan is paid off due to my current debt to income ratio.
14. I need to purchase equipment. I would also like to purchase land that is currently for sale that I can afford. However, the delay will cause the land that I can afford to be sold, and the more expensive land will be all that is left.
15. If the TRO is granted, there is a chance that my family and I will struggle. There is also a possibility that I will be delinquent in paying my \$18,000 mortgage, which was due in January.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing document is true and correct.

✓ Date: 6-22-2021

✓ Sign: Dixie L. McCoy Jr.

✓ Print: George McCoy Jr.